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ymIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R.A. Vaughan et al. Attorney Docket No.: EXIN117646  
Application No.: 09/932,441 Group Art Unit: 3621  
Filed: August 17, 2001 Examiner: F. Backer  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INVENTORY

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /  
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

March 29, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 28, 2005.
- X 2. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated September 29, 2004, set to expire on December 29, 2004, be extended by 3 months, to expire on March 29, 2005. An extension for two months has already been secured and the fee paid of \$450 is deducted from the three month extension fee now due in the total amount of \$1,020, leaving a balance owing of \$570. The enclosed check includes the balance of the three month extension fee in the amount of \$570.
- X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=		x			790
Total Claims	163	=	163	0	x	50	0
Independent Claims	5	=	5	0	x	200	0
Extension of Time					+	570	570
TOTAL							\$1360

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- X 4. Check No. 162453 in the amount of \$1360.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

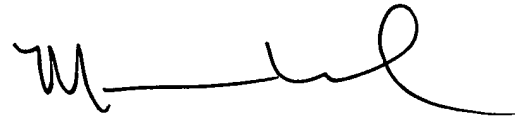
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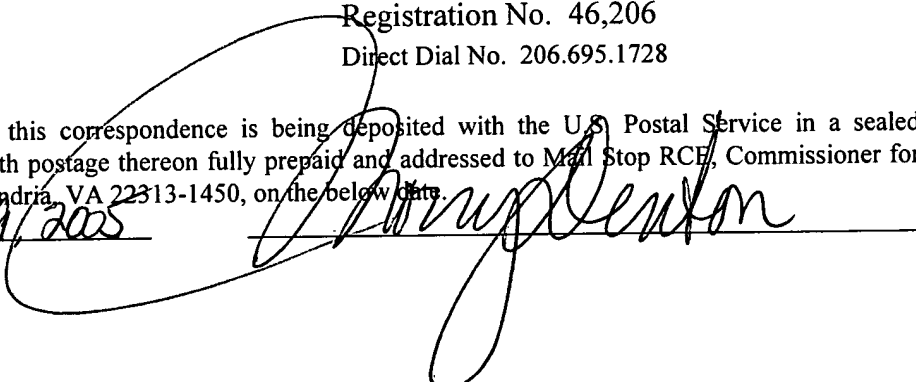
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